



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL ROBERT H. HOLMES



Colonel Robert H. Holmes is Director of Security Forces, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He is the focal point for force protection within the Air Force and is responsible for planning and programming the security for 30,000 active-duty and Reserve components security forces at locations worldwide. He provides policy and oversight for protecting Air Force installations from terrorism, criminal acts, sabotage and acts of war, and ensures security forces are trained, equipped and ready to support contingency and exercise plans.

Colonel Holmes also served as the commander of the 37th Training Wing, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the largest training wing in the U.S. Air Force. He was responsible for four primary training missions graduating more than 70,000 students annually, plus the support and operations of the base.

Colonel Holmes entered the Air Force in 1978 after receiving his commission from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. He is a career Combat Control Officer having commanded a combat control detachment, the 22d Special Tactics Squadron, as well as the 720th Special Tactics Group. During Operation Enduring Freedom, Colonel Holmes was the Deputy Commander, Joint Special Operations Task Force-South (Task Force K-Bar), responsible for directing and conducting joint combat operations in southern Afghanistan. He is a

Master Parachutist and Military Freefall Parachutist.

EDUCATION:

1969 Bachelor of Arts, Speech and Drama, David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tenn.
1972 Master's Degree in Educational Administration, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Ga.
1978 Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas
1982 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
1987 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
1993 Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
1998 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2002 International Conflict Resolution Course, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. 16 Nov 1978 - 23 Mar 1980, Unit Executive Officer, 23d Tactical Air Support Squadron, Bergstrom AFB, Texas
2. 24 Mar 1980 - 24 Jun 1980, Student, Air Traffic Control Officer School, 3395th Technical Training Group, Keesler AFB, Miss.
3. 25 Jun 1980 - 24 Oct 1980, Student, Combat Ready Qualification Training, MAC Combat Control School, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, Pope AFB, N.C.
4. 25 Oct 1980 - 12 Jul 1981, Wing/Base Combat Control Team Officer, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, Pope AFB, N.C.
5. 13 Jul 1981 - 2 May 1983, Commandant, MAC Combat Control School, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, Pope AFB, N.C.
6. 3 May 1983 - 2 May 1986, Chief, Combat Control Division, 21AF, 1701st Mobility Support Squadron, McGuire AFB, N.J.
7. 3 May 1986 - 1 Oct 1989, Commander, 1723d Combat Control Squadron, Rhein Main AB, Germany

8. 2 Oct 1989 - 1 Oct 1991, Chief, Combat Control Division, HQ Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB, Ill.
9. 2 Oct 1991 - 31 May 1992, Director of Operations, 1725th Combat Control Group, Scott AFB, Ill.
10. 1 Jun 1992 - 17 Jun 1993, Resident Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
11. 18 Jun 1993 - 17 Jun 1995, Chief, PACOM Operations Branch, US Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
12. 18 Jun 1995 - 5 May 1997, Commander, 22d Special Tactics Squadron, McChord AFB, Wash.
13. 6 May 1997 - 1 Jun 1998, Resident Student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. 2 Jun 1998 - 1 Jun 1999, Chief, Operations Briefing Division, The Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Washington, DC
15. 2 Jun 1999 - 2 Jul 2001, Deputy Commander, 720th Special Tactics Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
16. 3 Jul 2001 - 19 Jul 2002, Commander, 720th Special Tactics Group, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
17. 20 Jul 2002 - 17 July 2003, Special Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
18. 18 July 2003 – 11 June 2004, Commander, 37th Training Wing, Lackland AFB, Texas
19. 21 June 2004 – Present, Director of Security Forces, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
 Bronze Star Medal
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Nov. 16, 1978
First Lieutenant	Nov. 16, 1980
Captain	Nov. 16, 1982
Major	Sept. 1, 1989
Lieutenant Colonel	March 1, 1994
Colonel	Feb. 1, 2000
Selected Brigadier General	December 2002

(Current as of December 2003)